



**DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY**  
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MacKenzie Farkus  
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Dear MacKenzie Farkus:

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of March 28, 2019, received by the Defense Health Agency (DHA) on March 28, 2019. Your request has been assigned Control Number 19-00171. Please reference this number in any future correspondence regarding this matter.

A review of your request shows that you are seeking:

*[Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:*

*Materials from 2016 onward related to the water contamination at Camp Lejeune and its subsequent health effects on those currently or formerly stationed at Camp Lejeune. Potential documents include but are not limited to correspondences containing the keywords "illness," "water contamination," and "disability benefits," reports concerning levels of current water contamination at Camp Lejeune, and brochures/pamphlets/booklets given to those impacted by Camp Lejeune's water contamination.]*

After a thorough search, it was determined that the DHA does not have records in response to your request. However, you may wish to contact the FOIA Office at the U. S. Marine Corp Headquarters (USMC) for more information since Camp Legune is a subcomponent of the USMC. Although this does not constitute a denial because no records were found or withheld, you may appeal to the appellate authority if you are not satisfied with this response.

Your appeal must be written and postmarked within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter, should cite the above referenced control number, and should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." To submit electronically, email [DHA.FOIAappeals@mail.mil](mailto:DHA.FOIAappeals@mail.mil). To submit via postal delivery, send your written appeal to:

Defense Health Agency  
FOIA Requester Service Center  
Attention: FOIA Appellate Authority  
7700 Arlington Boulevard, Suite 5101  
Falls Church, VA 22042-5101

In addition, please note you have the right to seek dispute resolution services from the DHA FOIA Public Liaison via the following contact information:

Defense Health Agency  
FOIA Requester Service Center  
Attention: FOIA Public Liaison  
7700 Arlington Boulevard, Suite 5101  
Falls Church, VA 22042-5101  
Phone: 1+ (703) 275-6017

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office offers mediation services through the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. You may contact OGIS via the following:

National Archives and Records Administration  
Office of Government Information Services  
8601 Adelphi Road - OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001  
Email: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Phone: 1+ (202) 741-5770 or Toll Free: 1-877-684-6448

If you have any questions about processing your request under the FOIA, please contact the FOIA Requester Service Center at (703) 275-6017.

Sincerely,



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